

CITY'S FIRST SUIT

Action Began by the N. N. & O. P. R. & E. Co.

FOR TWENTY-THOUSAND

M. Honan & Sons vs. A. A. Sear & the Secretary of Sewer Commission of the City of Newport News, Virginia.

The Newport News and Old Point Railway and Electric Company has entered suit against the city of Newport News for \$20,000, and against the contractors who are putting in the sewer system for the city for the same amount.

It falls to the lot of every city to be sued. It is inevitable, sooner or later, but the fact that this corporation has brought suit against the municipality is the record for purposes on the part of the citizens.

The feelings of the contractors, M. Honan & Sons, may be imagined better than described. They feel that there is a matter between the railway company and two men. The suit against the city—the first in its existence—is a matter between the railway company and some body else. It is not a matter of the city is interested more or less and every taxpayer, more.

The whole business in the result of conditions, or the result of conditions brought about in the construction of the sewer in the first place. The story of the construction of the sewer is a matter of the city is interested more or less and every taxpayer, more.

When the contractors went in to put down the sewer, they were not met with much trouble being occasioned by the water in the ditches. The work was done in a very satisfactory manner. It was done in a very satisfactory manner. It was done in a very satisfactory manner.

The railway company complained to the Council, and the Council complained to the contractors. The Council complained to the contractors. The Council complained to the contractors. The Council complained to the contractors.

A conference was held. The result of it will probably not be known until the suits come up for trial. It was understood that the matter had been settled. It was understood that the matter had been settled. It was understood that the matter had been settled.

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"In the Circuit Court for the City of Newport News, Virginia, this day came to trial the case of M. Honan & Sons vs. A. A. Sear & the Secretary of Sewer Commission of the City of Newport News, Virginia."

"The plaintiff, M. Honan & Sons, by their attorneys, Messrs. J. M. Perkins, J. H. Jones, and J. E. Smith, called to the stand the following witnesses: A. A. Sear, Secretary of Sewer Commission; J. M. Perkins, Attorney; J. H. Jones, Attorney; J. E. Smith, Attorney."

"The defendant, the City of Newport News, by its attorneys, Messrs. J. M. Perkins, J. H. Jones, and J. E. Smith, called to the stand the following witnesses: J. M. Perkins, Attorney; J. H. Jones, Attorney; J. E. Smith, Attorney."

"The court, after hearing the testimony of the witnesses, rendered its verdict in favor of the plaintiff, M. Honan & Sons, for the sum of twenty thousand dollars, with costs."

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THE OLD AND NEW

City School Buildings Discussed by the Trustees.

UNFINISHED CONTRACTS

Matter of the Delay on the High School and the Rocketts Building. Action of the Secretary of the Board of Education.

The regular session of the Board of School Trustees last night was a decidedly interesting one, as was anticipated, and yet it might have been more interesting had the conclusion not been reached that it would be best to defer the matter of settling the contract for the new High School building until the next meeting of the Board, which will be held on Monday night, December 13th.

Witnesses, D. G. Smith, Clerk of our said City, at the Court House of our said City, on the 1st day of December, in the year of our Lord 1898, and in the 10th year of the Commonwealth.

"D. G. SMITH, Clerk." "D. G. SMITH, Clerk."

The papers in the case were turned over to Deputy City Sergeant D. P. Carroll, who carried them up to the parlor of the City of Newport News, where they were received by Mr. J. M. Perkins, Attorney for the City of Newport News, and Mr. J. H. Jones, Attorney for the City of Newport News.

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NEW POSSESSIONS

Agricultural Problem Now Presents Itself.

SECY. WILSON'S REPORT

On the Extent of the Problem of Agriculture in the United States, and the Means of Solving It.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Secretary of Agriculture, James Wilson, in his annual report made public tonight, in addition to discussing domestic problems reviews our agricultural relations in foreign fields. He calls for an emergency appropriation of a lump sum for future requirements that cannot all be anticipated specifically. Exploration by scientists, of territorial acquisitions and the sudden appearance of pests, are some of these possible emergencies. Discussing agricultural resources in our new island acquisitions, Secretary Wilson says:

"In the territories recently brought under the control of the United States government the agricultural interests urgently call for attention by this department. Hawaiian and the West Indian islands depend almost exclusively for their prosperity upon their agricultural production."

It behooves the department therefore to place itself at the earliest moment possible in a position to extend to the agriculturists of these territories such aid as may be needed under the most favorable conditions.

The increased trade relations which may be looked for between the United States and its insular dependencies, moreover, render the conditions of agriculture in the latter and the character and extent of their productions matters of profound interest to the people of the United States.

It is necessary, therefore, that the department in making such investigations as may be necessary to the agricultural resources and the character and extent of their productions in the West Indian, Hawaiian, and the Philippine Islands, should as far as possible provide a sufficient fund for the use of this department in making such investigations as may be necessary to the agricultural resources and the character and extent of their productions in the West Indian, Hawaiian, and the Philippine Islands.

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DEALING FRANKLY

Dons Facilitate Procedure of Peace Negotiations.

AN UNAVOIDABLE DELAY

Spanish Commissioners Offer Several Proposals Which Necessitate a Postponement of the Final Session.

PARIS, Dec. 1.—Anxious as both are to conclude their work, the Spanish and Spanish peace commissioners did not hold a joint session yesterday. Their next meeting will be held tomorrow afternoon.

The delay arose from the fact that the Spanish commissioners at today's session, offered several proposals which called for special attention upon the part of the Americans. The Spanish commissioners at today's session, offered several proposals which called for special attention upon the part of the Americans.

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TEACHERS NEEDED

The Report suggests that the greatest difficulties are to overcome the conservatism of the local boards managing country schools and to get competent teachers.

THE SCIENTIFIC EDUCATIONAL SUBJECT is exhaustively discussed and while there is no university where young farmers may pursue post-graduate studies in all the sciences relating to production, the scientific divisions of the Department of Agriculture, it is urged to some extent, can provide post-graduate facilities.

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